

# GRIMESDALE GAZETTE

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**BUSINESS MEETING & TREASURER’S REPORT.** The annual business meeting was held on December 3 at the home of Joyce and Chuck Mason. As of December 31, 2015 our bank balance was \$4,615.39. We had 94 dues-paying members in 2015, compared to 80 in 2014. (See Treasurer’s Report on reverse side.)

**BYGONE BYLAWS.** The first house in Grimesdale was built in 1955. In the autumn of 1962, residents of this community voted to create a homeowners association. In the years that followed, GHA members drafted two important documents: (1) a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants and (2) Bylaws of the GHA. The covenants, which all new residents were asked to sign, were meant to protect the property values and welfare of all residents by keeping Grimesdale free of such health hazards and eyesores as pigpens, billboards, trash heaps, and auto graveyards. The bylaws, on the other hand, delineated how the GHA, as an association, would be structured and governed. They included organizational information such as where and when meetings would be held, how GHA officers would be elected, and what types of committees might be created.

The covenants have remained essentially the same as when they were first created. The bylaws, however, have been revised over the years to fine-tune GHA procedures and activities as the neighborhood evolved. The last time the bylaws were revised was in December 1983. In the 32 years since then, much has changed in Grimesdale. For example, during the 1980s, Grimesdale residents included many retirees, who were eager to attend GHA meetings, become involved in GHA activities, and volunteer for GHA positions, such as officers and street directors. Grimesdale now includes many younger families with children, who may not have the free time that the retired residents had years ago.

Because of these changes in the neighborhood, the 1983 version of the bylaws is grossly out of date. Over the past several months, GHA President Chuck Mason has carefully edited the bylaws. He has rewritten many sections to reflect the GHA as it functions today. Other members of the GHA Board have reviewed Chuck’s changes and have made some of their own.

The revised version of the bylaws has been posted on the Grimesdale website ([www.grimesdale.org](http://www.grimesdale.org)). The GHA Board asks residents to read the bylaws online. At the next Board meeting, which will be held on March 3 (see “March Madness” on reverse side), the Board and other attendees who are Grimesdale homeowners and who have paid their GHA dues for 2016 will vote on adopting the new bylaws. If you cannot attend this meeting, the Board asks you to give its officers your proxy vote by checking the first box on the form below and sending it, together with your 2016 dues, to the GHA Treasurer, Bill Erickson (see address on reverse side).

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**PROXY FORM – Please check only one box and sign below**

- I am a Grimesdale homeowner, and I give my proxy to the Board to vote on the new bylaws.
- I am a Grimesdale homeowner, and I *do not* give my proxy to the Board to vote on the new bylaws.
- I am not a Grimesdale homeowner.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!** Please extend a warm welcome to our newest neighbors: Tiffany, Justin, and Hunter Boggs of 3135 Magnolia Drive (304-215-3586). If you know of any other newcomers to Grimesdale, please contact Evelyn VandenDolder (see masthead) so she can welcome them in the *Gazette*.

**SUNSHINE REPORT.** On behalf of the Grimesdale community, Tanya Jones, our Sunshine Director, sent a thinking-of-you card to Dan Collier of 3115 Charlyne Drive, who is recovering from surgery. Please offer him an encouraging word when you see him. If you know of anyone in Grimesdale who is ill, is in the hospital, or has died, please tell Tanya (joneslawrence@bellsouth.net or 692-8678) so she can send an appropriate card.

**CLAP YOUR HANDS.** Please give a round of applause for our incumbent GHA officers. Because no one else volunteered, they have agreed to serve yet another year in their respective positions. "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." — Author Unknown

**STREET PEOPLE.** Far from being homeless, Grimesdale's street people are residents who help our community stay connected. We still need two volunteers to serve as street directors for Charlyne and Florida Drives. The main job of a director is to deliver the *Gazette* to the homes on his or her street. Please contact Chuck Mason (see masthead) to volunteer so another director won't have to walk the streets on triple duty.

**CAREGIVER EAGER TO GIVE CARE.** Penni Seay of 3094 Primrose Drive has been a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) since 2011. She is highly trained and experienced and is Red Cross certified in CPR. Penni has worked in an assisted living center and has provided home care for the elderly, including individuals in their 90s. She loves spending time with folks, pampering them with compassion while preserving their dignity. Penni can perform complete CNA duties, do light housekeeping, prepare meals, run errands, drive folks to doctors' appointments, serve as a companion, and do as much or as little as her clients prefer. If you or a loved one are in need of such services, you may contact Penni at 707-6759 or rundi17@yahoo.com.

**MARCH MADNESS.** Actually, it will be more like "March merriment." Join us at the next GHA Board meeting, which will be held at **7 p.m. on Thursday, March 3** at the home of Joyce and Chuck Mason, 185 N. Mason Way. All board members (including street directors) please plan to attend. Other residents are also welcome.

**GRIMESDALE HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ending December 31, 2015

Bank Balance as of September 30, 2015	\$4,923.19
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Dues Collected (October through December)	80.00
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Half of Park Lawn Maintenance (mowing contract)	325.00
Advertising (October garage sale)	49.20
Home Trust Bank (purchase checks)	<u>13.60</u>
TOTAL	387.80
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$4,615.39

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**2016 DUES PAYMENT FORM – Please also complete the Proxy Form on the reverse side**

Thanks to all who have already paid their 2016 dues. If you haven't done so, please make your check in the amount of \$20, payable to the Grimesdale Homes Association. Mail it, along with this completed form, to Bill Erickson, GHA Treasurer, 3116 Magnolia Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28792. (Use attached addressed envelope.)

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_